

REMARKS

Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 89. Claim 89 has been canceled. Claim 36 has been amended to insert a space between the words "cholesterol" and "is." No new matter has been added by these amendments.

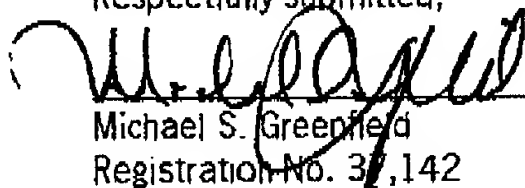
In further support of the non-obviousness of the presently pending claims, the applicants note that neither Gao and Huang, Biochem Biophys Res. Comm. **179**, 280 (1991) and Epand et al., US 5,283,185 (both of which teach DC-Chol for transfection of a DNA) suggest combining DC-Chol with a non-nucleic acid antigen.

An Examiner's Interview was held between the undersigned and Examiner Lucas on 18 December 2003 in which the claim amendments and argument presented herein were discussed.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or application, the applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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